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PART I-A

CENTRAL SECTION

**Orders and Notifications (Other than those published in Part IV-B)
under the Gujarat Local Boards, Village Panchayats, Municipal
Boroughs, District Municipal, Primary Education and Local Fund Audit Acts.**

URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND URBAN HOUSING DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, 25th September, 2024

GUJARAT PROVINCIAL MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS ACT, 1949.

No. KV-348 of 2024/UDUHD/MSM/e-file/18/2024/4680/P Section:- WHEREAS the Government of Gujarat has, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clause (a) of clause (iii) of sub-section (3) of section 5 of the Gujarat Provincial Municipal Corporations Act, 1949 (Bom. LIX of 1949) (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act") vide Government Notification, Urban Development and Urban Housing Department No. KV-81 of 2020-PRC-102020-2666-P, dated the 08th July, 2020 determined the number of wards and seats (including the seats reserved for Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes and Women) for the Bhavnagar Municipal Corporation of the City of Bhavnagar;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Gujarat has, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 read with sub-section (1) of section 456 of the said Act, amended the Bombay Provincial Municipal Corporations (Delimitation of Wards and Allocation of Reserved Seats) Rules, 1994 vide Government Notification, Urban Development and Urban Housing Department No. KV-38 of 2015/MISC/102014/5640/P, dated the 15th January, 2015 so as to provide for rotation of reserved seats;

AND WHEREAS the number of seats to be reserved for Backward Classes has been altered by the amendment to sub-section (6) of section 5 of the said Act vide the Gujarat Local Authorities Laws (Amendment) Act, 2023, (Guj.17 of 2023)

AND WHEREAS the number of Wards and Councillors, number of seats to be reserved for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes and Women is required to be ascertained in accordance with the figures of the population as declared on the basis of Census-2011 as also in view of the provisions of the said Act;

AND WHEREAS the General Election of the Bhavnagar Municipal Corporation of the Bhavnagar Municipal Corporation of the City of Bhavnagar is to be held;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clause (a) of clause (iii) of sub-section (3) of section 5 read with sub-sections (4), (5), (6) and (7) of section 5 of the said Act and in supersession of the Government Notification, Urban Development and Urban Housing Department No. KV-81 of 2020-PRC-102020-2666-P, dated the 08th July, 2020, so far as the City of Bhavnagar is concerned, the Government of Gujarat hereby determines the number of Wards and Seats as follows:

1. The areas of the City of Bhavnagar shall be divided into Thirteen (13) Wards and the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bhavnagar shall consist of Fifty-Two (52) Councillors;
2. Out of the Fifty-Two (52) Seats,-
 - (i) Three (3) Seats shall be reserved for the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes, out of which One (1) Seat shall be reserved for women belonging to the Scheduled Castes;
 - (ii) Fourteen (14) Seats shall be reserved for the persons belonging to the Backward Classes, out of which Seven (7) Seats shall be reserved for women belonging to the Backward Classes;
 - (iii) Twenty-Six (26) Seats shall be reserved for the women (including the number of seats reserved for the women belonging to Scheduled Castes and the Backward Classes referred to as above)

Provided that the supersession of the Government Notification, KV-81 of 2020-PRC-102020-2666-P, dated the 08th July, 2020 shall not affect anything done or any action taken thereunder and any proceedings under the said notification pending at the commencement of this notification shall be continued until it is disposed off;

Provided further that the person elected to the existing Municipal Corporation of the City of Bhavnagar shall continue as a Councillor during the term of the office for which he is elected.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat,

KOMAL BHATT,

Joint Secretary to Government.

